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SUBJECT: PERES INTERVIEW ON SEPTEMBER 7

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1. SUMMARY: IN COMPREHENSIVE INTERVIEW ON IDF RADIO SEPT 7, DEFMIN PERES FIELDDED QUESTIONS ON NEARLY ALL TOPICS OF CURRENT INTEREST TO ISRAEL. SEVERAL OTHERGOI MINISTERS SURPRISED, AND NOT ENTIRELY PLEASED, WITH INTERVIEW ON EVE OF CABINET SESSION DESIGNED TO LAUNCH RABIN ON VISIT TO US. REF FBIS REPORT CONTAINS SUMMARY AND FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS MADE BY PERES. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN PERES, RELATIONS WITH ARAB WORLD. THE EGYPTIANS DECLARE THAT THEY AR NOT PREPARED TO MAKE PEACE BUT--TO TRANSLATE THE TERM-- A RECONCILLIATION. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PEACE AND RECONCILIATION SOMETIMES AS BIG AS BETWEEN PEACE AND NO-PEACE. THE PALESTINAINS--WHO ARE NOT ALL OF THE SAME ILK; EVEN ARAFAT  
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SOMETIMES APPEARS TO BE A MODERATE, IF COMPARED WITH JIBRIL,

HABASH OR HAWATMA--EQUATE A JUST PEACE WITH THE ANNIHILATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. THE SYRIANS, WHO ATTACKED ISRAEL TIME AND AGAIN, ARE NOT ONLY DEMANDING THE ENTIRE GOLAN HEIGHTS, BUT ALSO 'A JUST SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINAIN PROBLEM'. THAT 'JUST SOLUTION' IS, ONCE AGAIN, THE PARTIAL OR COMPLETE OBLITERATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

3. EGYPT. SINCE EGYPT DOES NOT WANT COMPLETE PEACE, WE HAVE TO REACH A COMPROMISE WITH ITS HALF WAY, BOTH WITH REGARD TO PEACE AND TO AREA. EGYPT MAKES COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OR COMPLETE PEACE WITH ISRAEL CONDITIONAL ON SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND OTHER ARAB STATES AND IT EXPECTS US TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO A COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL. BUT WHAT EGYPT IS SUGGESTING IS SOMETHING LUKEWARM(POSSIBLE) FROM A POLITICAL VIEWPOINT, AND THUS WE CAN ALSO SUGGEST TO IT SOMETHING VERY LIMITED FROM A POLITICAL VIEWPOINT.

4. JORDAN. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR INTERIM STEPS OR TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH JORDAN. THE POLITICAL DIFFICULTY IN SETTLEMENT WITH JORDAN LIES IN FACT THAT THERE ARE TWO PALESTINIAN DEPLOYMENTS--THE JORDANIAN DEPLOYMENT AND THE PLO DEPLOYMENT. EVENTUALLY, ONE OF THESE TWO TRENDS WILL PREVAIL AND IT WILL THEN BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH IT. HOPEFULLY, THE TREND WHICH WILL PREVAIL WILL BE THAT OF HUSSEIN, WITH HUSSEIN WE HAVE TO REACH A COMPLETE SETTLEMENT AND TRUE PEACE. BOTH WE AND HE DO NOT HAVE MUCH ROOM FOR INTERIM STEPS AND TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS BECAUSE THE AREA IN QUESTION IS NARROW AND PACKED WITH RESIDENTS WHO ARE FULL OF EXPECTATIONS.

5. THERE ARE THREE MAIN POINTS FOR A SETTLEMENT WITH JORDAN: 1) JORDAN RIVER SHOULD SERVE AS SECURITY BORDER; 2) RIGHT OF JEWS TO SETTLE IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA; AND 3) FINDING POLITICAL FRAMEWORK ACCORDING TO WHICH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENT OF WEST BANK RESIDENTS WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR NATIONAL AFFILIATION, WHILE DEFENSE WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR TRUE SECURITY NEEDS.

6. SYRIA. WE HAVE TO STAND FIRM AND FORTIFIED AGAINST SYRIA. THESE ARE EXTREMIST, MILITARISTIC PEOPLE WHO THROUGHOUT THE EXISTENCE OF OUR STATE HAVE NOT CEASED TO ATTACK US, WHILE WE

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HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG AND HAVE NOT GIVEN THEM ANY PROVOCATION...THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE ARMING AND EQUIPPING THEMSELVES AT AN UNPRECEDENTED RATE AND WITH THE BEST SOVIET ARMS. AGAINST THESE PEOPLE WE HAVE TO STAND ALERT AND PREPARED.

7. ON POSSIBLE REOPENING OF HOSTILITIES AND SITUATION WHICH MIGHT CONSTITUTE 'CASUS BELLI' WE WILL ASSURE ANYONE WISHING TO

SURPRISE US THAT WE WILL NOT BE TAKEN BY SURPRISE. THIS ENTIRE CONCEPT, ACCORDING TO WHICH ONE SIDE IS PERMITTED TO SURPRISE, TO EMPLOY INITIATIVE AND DECEPTION AND GO TO WAR--AND THEN, IF THEY WIN, ALL IS WELL, AND IF THEY LOSE, ISRAEL MUST RETURN EVERYTHING --I FIND UNACCEPTABLE. . AS FOR 'CASUS BELLI' --IT

IS CUSTOM AMONG NATIONS THAT ANYONE WHO DISTURBS THE PEACE, VIOLATES AGREEMENTS, RESTRICTS UNHINDERED MOVEMENT OF SHIPPING AND AIRCRAFT...ANYONE TAKING UP ARMS DOES OF COURSE, CREATE A BELLIGERENT SITUATION AND BREACHES THE PEACE.

8. ON FUTURE CONTACTS BETWEEN IDF AND SOVIET FORCES. I VISUALIZE IDF IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNTRY'S BORDERS, AND NOT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOVIET ARMY. IDF DID NOT SET OUT TO MEET THE SOVIET FLEET ON THE HIGH, STORMY SEAS. BUT IF THE RED--OR ANY OTHER--FLEET APPROACHES OUR SHORES, IDF IS READY TO DEFEND TERRITORIAL WATERS. AND WHEN IDF DEFENDS THOSE WATERS AGAINST VIOLATIONS --IRRESPECTIVE OF VIOLATORS IDENTITY--I BELIEVE IT HAS EVERY PROSPECT OF SUCCEEDING AS IT DID. END PERES.

9. COMMENT COMING ON DAY BEFORE CABINET SESSION SCHEDULED TO REVIEW RANGE OF ISSUES PRIOR TO RABIN'S US VISIT, PERES' WIDE-RANGING REVIEW CAME AS A SURPRISE. SENIOR GOI OFFICIAL TOLD US PERES' REMARKS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS GOVERNMENT POLICY AND THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE UNHAPPINESS THAT THEY WERE MADE WHEN THEY WERE. HE INTIMATED THAT FOMIN ALLOON WAS UNHAPPY, WE NOTE THAT AT SEPT 8 CABINET MEETING (SEPTEL) SEVERAL OTHER MINISTERS ALSO TOOK PERES TO TASK. VELIOTES

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